

**UTAH STATE PARKS AND RECREATION  
BOATING SECTION  
LIST OF ACCEPTED FIRST AID COURSES  
FOR  
RIVER GUIDE AND VESSEL OPERATOR PERMITS**  
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**First Aid courses accepted as equivalent to or exceeding the content of American Red Cross “Emergency Response” or with curriculum taught in accordance with the USDOT First Responder Guidelines or the Wilderness Medical Society Guidelines for Wilderness First Responder. These courses are accepted for all River Guide and Vessel Operator Permits:**

- **State Issued Licenses/Certificates:**
  - Medical Doctor – MD
  - Registered Nurse – RN
  - Licensed Practical Nurse – LPN
  - Paramedic – EMT Paramedic
  - Emergency Medical Technician – EMT Basic
- **Advanced Backcountry First Aid:**
  - Wilderness Alert, Vancouver, BC, Canada (2004)
  - Wilderness Medicine Outfitters, Elizabeth, CO (1997)
- **Advanced First Aid and First Responder - Wilderness Medical Associates, Bryant Pond, ME (1997)**
- **Advanced First Aid or Academic First Aid - Emergency Care and Safety Institute and American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, Sudbury, MA (Certificate must indicate a minimum of 36 instructional hours, not including BLS) (2005)**
- **Advanced First Aid and Wilderness Emergency Care – Rescue Dynamics, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (2003)**
- **Advanced Wilderness Emergency Response - Canadian Institute of Safety, Search and Rescue, Alberta, Canada (1999)**
- **Advanced Wilderness First Aid -**
  - National Safety Council, Itasca, IL (1998)
  - Sierra Rescue, Taylorsville, CA (2006)
  - Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS, Lander WY (2003)
  - Wilderness Medicine Training Center, Winthrop, WA (2001)
- **Emergency Response - American Red Cross, Washington, DC (1997)**
- **Essential Wilderness First Aid for Leaders – International Wilderness First Aid Associates, Vancouver, BC, Canada (2001)**
- **First Responder -**
  - Emergency Care and Safety Institute and American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, Sudbury, MA (BLS and First Aid are valid for two years and are included on one certificate) (2005)
  - Piute County EMS, Piute County, UT (2002)
  - Safety Education Consultants, Durango, CO (2001)
  - State of New York - Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, NY (1997)
  - Tallahassee Community College, Tallahassee, FL (2001)
  - USDOT, Washington, DC (2001)
  - Utah Emergency Medical Training Council, Salt Lake City, UT (2001)
- **Mountaineering Oriented First Aid - American Red Cross, Washington, DC (1997)**
- **Occupational First Aid - Workers Compensation Board of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C. (1999)**
  - Level 3
  - Level 2 (Must have a “transportation” endorsement)
- **Outdoor Emergency Care - National Ski Patrol, Lakewood, CO (1999)**
- **Title 22 First Aid for Public Safety Personnel in California - American Red Cross, Washington, DC (1998)**
- **Whitewater Advanced First Aid - Wilderness Medical Associates, Bryant Pond, ME (1997)**
- **Wilderness Emergency Response - Canadian Institute of Safety, Search and Rescue, Alberta, Canada (1999)**

- **Wilderness First Responder -**
  - Aerie School for Back Country Medicine, Missoula, MT (1999)
  - Desert Mountain Medicine, Sandpoint, ID (2001)
  - Entrada Outdoor Medical, Salt Lake City, UT (2003)
  - First Lead – Wilderness Emergency Training, Telluride, CO (2002)
  - Prescott College, Prescott, AZ (1999)
  - Remote Rescue, Flagstaff, AZ (2005)
  - River Skills Center, Mount Shasta, CA (2000)
  - Sierra Rescue, Taylorsville, CA (2006)
  - University of Utah - Emergency Programs, Salt Lake City, UT (2000)
  - Wilderness Emergency Resources, Boulder, CO (2001)
  - Wilderness Medical Associates, Bryant Pond, ME (2000)
  - Wilderness Medical Training Center, Winthrop, WA (2001)
  - Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS, Lander, WY (2003)
  - Wilderness Medicine of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT (1998)
- **Wilderness First Aid –**
  - Emergency Care and Safety Institute and American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, Sudbury, MA (Certificate must indicate a minimum of 36 instructional hours, not including BLS) (2005)
  - Entrada Outdoor Medical, Salt Lake City, UT (2003)
  - National Safety Council, Itasca, IL (Certificate must indicate a minimum of 36 instructional hours, not including CPR or BLS) (1998)

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**First Aid courses accepted as equivalent to the content of American Red Cross “Standard” First Aid. These are accepted only for River Guide 3, 4, and Vessel Operator Permits:**

- **Advanced First Aid or Academic First Aid -** Emergency Care and Safety Institute and American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, Sudbury, MA (When certificate indicates less than 36 instructional hours, not including BLS) (2005)
- **Basic Responder -** St. Mary’s Hospital, Grand Junction, CO (2001)
- **Basic/Standard First Aid -**
  - American Red Cross, Washington, DC (2002)
  - Emergency Care and Safety Institute and American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, Sudbury, MA (2005)
  - National Safety Council, Itasca, IL (1998)
  - New Zealand Mountain Safety Council Inc., New Zealand (2000)
  - Order of St. John, Auckland, New Zealand (1996)
  - Pioneer Valley Hospital, West Valley City, UT (2001)
  - Piute County EMS, Piute County, UT (1998)
  - Safety Quest, Cedar City, UT (2001)
  - Save-A-Heart, Salt Lake City, UT (2000)
  - SOS Technologies, Englewood, CO (2005)
- **Emergency Care First Aid -** Heart Savers, Scottsdale, AZ (2000)
- **Emergency First Aid in the Workplace –** British Health and Safety Executive, United Kingdom (2001)
- **Explorer First Aid –** Wilderness Alert, Vancouver, BC, Canada (2004)
- **Fast Response –** Fast Response, Berkley, CA (1998)
- **Heartsaver First Aid –** American Heart Association, Dallas, TX (May include CPR/BLS on one card) (2005)
- **Medic First Aid, Basic -** Emergency Medical Planning of America, Eugene, OR (Includes American Heart Association BLS on one card) (2000)
- **Occupational First Aid -** Workers Compensation Board of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C. (1999)
  - Level 2 (Without a “transportation” endorsement)
  - Level 1
- **Responding to Emergencies -** American Red Cross, Washington, DC (1997)
- **Wilderness First Aid -**
  - Aerie School for Back Country Medicine, Missoula, MT (2002)
  - Emergency Care and Safety Institute and American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, Sudbury, MA (when certificate indicates less than 36 instructional hours, not including BLS) (2005)

First Lead – Wilderness Emergency Training, Telluride, CO (2002)  
National Safety Council, Itasca, IL (when certificate/card indicates less than 36 instructional hours) (1998)  
River Skills Center, Mount Shasta, CA (2000)  
Sierra Rescue, Taylorsville, CA (2006)  
University of Utah - Emergency Programs, Salt Lake City, UT (2000)  
Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS, Lander, WY (2003)

- What to do Until the Ambulance Arrives – Utah Emergency Medical Training Council, Salt Lake City, UT (2004)
- Workplace Training First Aid - American Red Cross, Washington, DC (2001)

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### Notes:

- ⇒ Unless otherwise noted above, each permit applicant or permit holder must possess two certificates (cards), one for the appropriate First Aid course and one for the appropriate CPR/BLS course.
- ⇒ First aid and CPR course completion certificates (cards) must include the following information:
  - Name or title of the course;
  - Course provider and contact phone number;
  - Name and signature of the person certified;
  - Signature of the course instructor; and
  - Date of certification and length of certification or the date of certification expiration.
- ⇒ As a general guideline, courses that are taught with less than 40 hours of classroom and skills instruction will not be accepted for River Guide 1 and 2 Permits.
- ⇒ Information for each First Aid course must be submitted to Utah State Parks and Recreation for an acceptance review a minimum of once every ten (10) years.
- ⇒ If a first aid course is not on the above list, it is the responsibility of the course provider to contact Utah State Parks and Recreation to request a review of their respective First Aid course. In some cases, this responsibility may fall upon the course sponsor, the outfitting company sponsoring the guide or vessel operator, or the individual guide or vessel operator.
- ⇒ The following information must be submitted to Utah State Parks and Recreation for review of a first aid course:
  - Name or title of the course;
  - Course provider and necessary contact information;
  - List of the required text book(s);
  - Course curriculum. This may include course content, course outline and/or course syllabus;
  - Successful course completion requirements, i.e., skills assessments, and minimum passing score on the course exam;
  - Length of course, including attendance requirements;
  - Length of original certification period;
  - Re-certification requirements; and
  - Sample course completion certificate (card).

For more information, telephone 801-538-7464.